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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MILI, UK, US

SUBJECT: TRANSIT OF ASCENSION ISLAND

REFS: LONDON 18988

1. REQUEST TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL APPROVED SUBJECT TO  
PARAS 2 AND 3 BELOW.

2. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, DOD FOLLOWS CONSISTENT POLICY OF  
LIMITING CIVIL AIRCRAFT USE OF MILITARY AIRFIELDS SUCH  
AS ASCENSION IN ORDER TO AVOID POTENTIAL FOR INTERFERENCE  
WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS, AS WELL AS FLIGHT SAFETY AND AIR  
RESCUE PROBLEMS WHICH COULD ARISE WITH REGULAR CIVIL USE  
OF THE AIRFIELD. DOD IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT OC-  
CASIONAL USE OF ASCENSION BY BRITISH CIVIL AIRCRAFT COULD  
CREATE OBLIGATION UNDER ARTICLE 15 OF CHICAGO CONVENTION  
TO PERMIT SIMILAR USE BY THIRD COUNTRY CIVIL AIRCRAFT.

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ACCORDINGLY, FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO FLIGHTS REQUEST-

ED REFTEL:

A. EMBASSY LONDON DETERMINATION THAT FLIGHTS INVOLVE  
MAJOR HMG INTEREST,

B. UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF HMG THAT THIS IS AN EX-  
CEPTIONAL CASE AND CREATES NO RPT NO PRECEDENT.

C. UNDERTAKING ON PART OF HMG TO RESIST ALL REQUESTS FOR  
LANDINGS ON ASCENSION BY OTHER STATES WHICH MIGHT BE MADE  
ON BASIS OF ARTICLE 15 OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

3. APPROVAL IS ALSO SUBJECT TO BAC FULL COMPLIANCE WITH  
AFR 55-20, INCLUDING INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

4. EMBASSY LONDON AUTHORIZED TO NOTIFY FCO AS INDICATED  
ABOVE, AND PROVIDE COPY OF AFR 55-20. IF TIMING DOES NOT  
PERMIT SUBMISSION OF ALL APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION REQUIR-  
ED BY AFR 55-20 PRIOR TO FIRST FLIGHT, OBTAIN FCO ASSUR-  
ANCE THAT ABOVE CONDITIONS ACCEPTABLE AND THAT INSURANCE  
REQUIREMENTS ARE OR WILL BE MET PRIOR FIRST FLIGHT. ROBINSON

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